

the Medicaid program. The Senate amendment had similar language prohibiting implementation of the rules for two years. The House bill did not contain a similar provision.

The bill includes a provision to offset the estimated cost of blocking the Medicaid rules in this section. This provision: (1) requires States, as a condition of receiving Federal matching funds in Medicaid, to require all providers to use tamper-proof prescription drug pads when writing prescriptions for Medicaid beneficiaries; and (2) extends certain Pharmacy Plus waivers under the Medicaid program. The Senate amendment contained a different offset, which increased the required rebate for drugs sold through the Medicaid program. The House bill contained no similar provision.

TITLE VII

FAIR MINIMUM WAGE AND TAX RELIEF

SUBTITLE A—FAIR MINIMUM WAGE

The conference agreement includes provisions to increase the Federal minimum wage in the United States to \$7.25 an hour over two years as proposed by both the House and the Senate. The conference agreement also provides for Federal minimum wage increases of \$0.50 per hour, beginning 60 days after enactment, and annually thereafter, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa, until their minimum wage reaches that of the United States. In addition, the agreement requires that the Department of Labor, through the Bureau of Labor Statistics, transmit a report to Congress assessing the impact of wage increases in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa not later than 32 months after enactment.

The House bill included a phased increase of \$0.50 upon enactment, and \$1.00 annually thereafter, in the Federal minimum wage for both the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and American Samoa until their minimum wage reaches that of the United States, while the Senate amendment provided a phased increase of \$0.50 upon enactment, and \$1.00 annually thereafter, in the Federal minimum wage for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, but no increase in American Samoa.

SUBTITLE B—SMALL BUSINESS INCENTIVES

The conference agreement modifies small business and work opportunity provisions in the Senate amendment that provide enhanced compliance assistance for small businesses, authorize a program for small business child care grants at the Department of Health and Human Services, require a study on certain aspects of the Earned Income Tax Credit, authorize renewal grants for women's business centers, and require a report under the Buy American Act. The House bill did not contain similar provisions.

SUBTITLE C

SMALL BUSINESS TAX INCENTIVES

The conference agreement modifies provisions in the House bill and Senate amendment regarding small business incentives. The conference agreement extends the Work Opportunity Tax Credit ("WOTC") through August 31, 2011, later than the House proposed but sooner than the Senate proposed. The conference agreement expands WOTC to include more veterans with service-connected disabilities, "high risk youth," and employees in "outward migration counties." The House and the Senate had proposed various enhancements.

The conference agreement enhances the tip credit for certain small businesses by freezing the minimum wage level for purposes of calculating the credit. The House had similar language, but the Senate did not.

The conference agreement permanently waives both individual and corporate alternative minimum tax limitations on WOTC and tip credits. The House had similar language, but the Senate did not.

The conference agreement extends small business expensing under section 179 through 2010 and increases the expensing limit from the current \$112,000 to \$125,000, as the House had proposed. The Senate had similar language.

The conference agreement extends and expands several tax provisions affecting Gulf Opportunity Zones affected by hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma. The agreement modifies language proposed by the Senate. The House did not include similar language.

The conference agreement makes several changes to the treatment of Subchapter S corporations. The Senate had proposed similar language. The House did not include similar language.

The conference agreement raises the age of children whose unearned income is taxed as their parents' income. The House and Senate both had similar language.

The conference agreement modifies IRC section 6404(g) which provides for suspension of interest and certain penalties, from the current 18 months after filing to 36 months. The House had proposed 22 months and the Senate had proposed repeal of suspensions.

The conference agreement increases the penalty for bad checks and money orders, creates a new penalty on claims for refunds filed without any reasonable basis, and expands the penalties on tax return preparers. Both House and Senate proposed similar language.

The conference agreement increases the estimated tax payments due July through September, 2012 for corporations with assets in excess of \$1 billion. The House had similar language, but the Senate did not.

CONTRACTING REFORM

The conference agreement does not include language proposed by the House (as title V of the House bill) relating to federal contracting reform.

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY LEGISLATION

The congressional budget resolution (H. Con. Res. 95) agreed to by Congress for fiscal year 2006, and both the House and Senate versions of the congressional budget resolution for fiscal year 2007 include provisions relating to the notification of emergency spending. These provisions require a statement of how the emergency provisions contained in the conference agreement meet the criteria for emergency spending as identified in the budget resolution.

The conference agreement contains emergency funding for fiscal year 2007 for the global war on terror, hurricane recovery in the gulf coast region, emerging threats to homeland security, pandemic influenza prevention, unmet veterans' healthcare needs, and agriculture disaster relief. The funding is related to unanticipated needs and is for situations that are sudden, urgent, and unforeseen, specifically the global war on terror and thy hurricanes of 2005. These needs meet the criteria for emergencies.

EARMARKS

Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XXI of the Rules of the House of Representatives, this conference report contains no congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9(d), 9(e), or 9(f) of rule XXI.

CONFERENCE TOTAL—WITH COMPARISONS

The total new budget (obligational) authority for the fiscal year 2007 recommended by the Committee of Conference, comparisons to the 2007 budget estimates, and the House and Senate bills for 2007 follow:

(In thousands of dollars)

Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2007	103,015,427
House bill, fiscal year 2007	124,315,636
Senate bill, fiscal year 2007	122,807,084
Conference agreement, fiscal year 2007	124,173,007
Conference agreement compared with:	
Budget estimates of new (obligational) authority, fiscal year 2007	+21,157,580
House bill, fiscal year 2007	-142,629
Senate bill, fiscal year 2007	+1,365,923

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the 5-minute voting will continue.

There was no objection.

10,000 TEACHERS, 10 MILLION MINDS SCIENCE AND MATH SCHOLARSHIP ACT

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, pursuant to the instructions of the House on the motion to recommend, I report the bill, H.R. 362, back to the House with an amendment.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the amendment.

The Clerk read as follows:

Amendment:

Amend section 204 to read as follows:

SEC. 204. CURRICULA.

Nothing in this Act, or the amendments made by this Act, shall be construed to limit the authority of State governments or local school boards to determine the curricula of their students.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the amendment.

The amendment was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 389, nays 22, not voting 21, as follows:

[Roll No. 254]

YEAS—389

Abercrombie	Costello	Herger
Ackerman	Courtney	Herseth Sandlin
Aderholt	Cramer	Higgins
Akin	Crenshaw	Hill
Alexander	Crowley	Hinchey
Allen	Cuellar	Hinojosa
Altmire	Culberson	Hirono
Andrews	Cummings	Hobson
Arcuri	Davis (AL)	Hodes
Baca	Davis (CA)	Hoekstra
Bachmann	Davis (IL)	Holden
Bachus	Davis, David	Holt
Baird	Davis, Lincoln	Honda
Baker	Davis, Tom	Hooley
Baldwin	Deal (GA)	Hoyer
Barrow	DeFazio	Hulshof
Bartlett (MD)	DeGette	Hunter
Barton (TX)	Delahunt	Inglis (SC)
Bean	DeLauro	Inslee
Becerra	Dent	Israel
Berkley	Diaz-Balart, L.	Issa
Berman	Diaz-Balart, M.	Jackson (IL)
Berry	Dicks	Jackson-Lee
Biggert	Dingell	(TX)
Bilbray	Doggett	Jefferson
Bishop (GA)	Donnelly	Jindal
Bishop (NY)	Doolittle	Johnson (GA)
Bishop (UT)	Doyle	Johnson (IL)
Blumenauer	Drake	Johnson, E. B.
Blunt	Dreier	Johnson, Sam
Boehner	Edwards	Jones (NC)
Bonner	Ehlers	Jones (OH)
Bono	Ellison	Jordan
Boozman	Ellsworth	Kagen
Boren	Emanuel	Kanjorski
Boswell	Emerson	Kaptur
Boustany	Engel	Keller
Boyd (FL)	English (PA)	Kildee
Boyd (KS)	Eshoo	Kilpatrick
Brady (TX)	Etheridge	Kind
Braley (IA)	Everett	Kingston
Brown (SC)	Fallin	Klein (FL)
Brown, Corrine	Feeney	Kline (MN)
Brown-Waite,	Ferguson	Knollenberg
Ginny	Filner	Kucinich
Buchanan	Forbes	Kuhl (NY)
Burgess	Fortenberry	LaHood
Burton (IN)	Frank (MA)	Langevin
Butterfield	Frelinghuysen	Lantos
Calvert	Galleghy	Larsen (WA)
Camp (MI)	Gerlach	Larson (CT)
Cantor	Giffords	Latham
Capito	Gilchrest	LaTourette
Capps	Gillibrand	Lee
Capuano	Gillmor	Levin
Cardoza	Gingrey	Lewis (CA)
Carnahan	Gonzalez	Lewis (GA)
Carney	Goode	Lewis (KY)
Carson	Goodlatte	Linder
Carter	Gordon	Lipinski
Castle	Granger	LoBiondo
Castor	Graves	Loebsack
Chabot	Green, Al	Lofgren, Zoe
Chandler	Green, Gene	Lowey
Clarke	Grijalva	Lucas
Clay	Gutierrez	Lungren, Daniel
Cleaver	Hall (NY)	E.
Clyburn	Hall (TX)	Lynch
Coble	Hare	Mahoney (FL)
Cohen	Harman	Maloney (NY)
Cole (OK)	Hastert	Marchant
Conyers	Hastings (WA)	Markey
Cooper	Hayes	Marshall
Costa	Heller	Matheson

Matsui	Platts	Smith (TX)
McCarthy (CA)	Pomeroy	Smith (WA)
McCarthy (NY)	Porter	Snyder
McCaul (TX)	Price (GA)	Solis
McCollum (MN)	Price (NC)	Souder
McCotter	Pryce (OH)	Space
McCrery	Putnam	Spratt
McDermott	Radanovich	Stark
McGovern	Rahall	Stearns
McHenry	Ramstad	Stupak
McHugh	Regula	Sullivan
McIntyre	Rehberg	Tanner
McKeon	Reichert	Tauscher
McMorris	Renzi	Taylor
Rodgers	Reyes	Terry
McNerney	Reynolds	Thompson (CA)
McNulty	Rodriguez	Thompson (MS)
Meehan	Rogers (AL)	Thornberry
Meek (FL)	Rogers (KY)	Tiahrt
Meeks (NY)	Rogers (MI)	Tiberi
Melancon	Rohrabacher	Tierney
Mica	Ros-Lehtinen	Towns
Michaud	Roskam	Turner
Miller (MI)	Ross	Udall (CO)
Miller (NC)	Rothman	Udall (NM)
Miller, Gary	Roybal-Allard	Upton
Miller, George	Royce	Van Hollen
Mitchell	Ruppersberger	Velázquez
Mollohan	Rush	Visclosky
Moore (KS)	Ryan (WI)	Walberg
Moore (WI)	Salazar	Walden (OR)
Moran (KS)	Sánchez, Linda	Walsh (NY)
Moran (VA)	T.	Walz (MN)
Murphy (CT)	Sanchez,	Wamp
Murphy,	Loretta	Wasserman
Patrick	Sarbanes	Schultz
Murphy, Tim	Saxton	Waters
Murtha	Schakowsky	Watson
Musgrave	Schiff	Watt
Nadler	Schmidt	Waxman
Napolitano	Schwartz	Weiner
Neal (MA)	Scott (GA)	Welch (VT)
Neugebauer	Scott (VA)	Weldon (FL)
Nunes	Sensenbrenner	Weller
Oberstar	Serrano	Whitfield
Obey	Sessions	Wicker
Oliver	Sestak	Wilson (NM)
Ortiz	Shays	Wilson (OH)
Pallone	Shea-Porter	Wilson (SC)
Pascarell	Sherman	Wolf
Pastor	Shimkus	Woolsey
Payne	Shuler	Wu
Pearce	Shuster	Wynn
Perlmutter	Simpson	Yarmuth
Peterson (MN)	Sires	Young (AK)
Peterson (PA)	Skelton	Young (FL)
Petri	Slaughter	
Pickering	Smith (NE)	
Pitts	Smith (NJ)	

NAYS—22

Barrett (SC)	Franks (AZ)	Paul
Blackburn	Garrett (NJ)	Pence
Campbell (CA)	Hensarling	Poe
Cannon	King (IA)	Sali
Conaway	Lamborn	Shadegg
Duncan	Mack	Tancredo
Flake	Manzullo	
Foxx	Miller (FL)	

NOT VOTING—21

Bilirakis	Farr	Kirk
Boucher	Fattah	Lampson
Brady (PA)	Fossella	Myrick
Buyer	Gohmert	Rangel
Cubin	Hastings (FL)	Ryan (OH)
Davis (KY)	Kennedy	Sutton
Davis, Jo Ann	King (NY)	Westmoreland

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1708

Mr. POE changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. FARR. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 254, had I been present, I would have voted “yea.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KIRK. Madam Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted as follows: on rollcall No. 245—“yes”; 246—“yes”; 247—“yes”; 248—“no”; 249—“no”; 250—“yes”; 251—“yes”; 252—“yes”; 253—“yes”; and 254—“yea”.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, unfortunately, I was unavoidably detained and missed rollcall votes Nos. 253 and 254.

I take my voting responsibility seriously, and if I had been present, I would have voted “yes” on rollcall No. 253 and “yes” on rollcall No. 254.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extra-neous material on the bill, H.R. 363, as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

SOWING THE SEEDS THROUGH SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 318 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 363.

□ 1710

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 363) to authorize appropriations for basic research and research infrastructure in science and engineering, and for support of graduate fellowships, and for other purposes, with Mr. WATT in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. Pursuant to the rule, the bill is considered read the first time.

The gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GORDON) and the gentleman from Texas (Mr. HALL) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

(Mr. GORDON of Tennessee asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GORDON of Tennessee. Mr. Chairman, we spent quite a bit of time on the last bill talking about “Rising above the Gathering Storm,” the report. It charts a course for continuing American prosperity in the decades to